THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) Apart from original equipment manufacturers operating in India, several Indian companies have been manufacturing indigenously fuel efficient motor vehicles such as Indica, Indigo, Scorpio, Victor, Pulsur, Galaxy etc. which are competing against globally established brands.

The Auto Policy 2002 encourages manufacture of small cars which are also fuel efficient in terms of consumption. Government from time to time through fiscal policies has been encouraging manufacture of small cars and two wheelers which are fuel efficient.

(d) and (e) World over, companies in various countries are working on different options for alternative fuel. Japan and other leading car manufacturing countries are working not only in area of hybrid cars but also in bio-diesel, hydrogen and other alternative fuel driven vehicles. In India various initiatives are being taken both by the Government and Industry for development of vehicles run on ethanol, bio-diesel, hydrogen, fuel cell etc. In this regard, National Hydrogen Development Board (NHDB) under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Core Group on Automotive Research (CAR) under the Ministry of Science and Technology have taken intiatives for Research and Development in the frontier areas of technology like hydrogen, fuel cells, bio-fuels, electric vehicles.

Handing over of loss making PSUs to Navratna enterprises

2968. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working out a revised strategy of handing over loss making Central Public Sector Undertakings to Navratna enterprises;

(b) if so, which are the Navratna companies identified for the purpose and the names of the loss making undertaking to be taken over by Navratna companies; and

(c) whether such proposals involve any outflow of capital besides management expertise to be provided to the loss making PSUs and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Government has constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) in December, 2004 to advise the Government on strengthening, reviving, and restructuring of sick Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). Till November, 2006, the Board has considered 44 proposals and given its recommendations in respect of 38 and the remaining 6 proposals have been remitted back to the concerned administrative Ministry for additional information. Out of the 36 cases recommended for revival by BRPSE, the Government has approved revival of 20 sick CPSEs.

Surplus estate with HEC, Jharkhand

2969. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Heavy Engineering Corporation of Jharkhand has vast real estate and its maintenance is very poor, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the reasons for not giving back that land to the tribals from whom they have taken this land;

(c) the reasons for HEC not able to procure huge orders and do financially well; and

(d) what restraints HEC has to procure huge orders and execute and make profit with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY, MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Company was provided 7199 acres of land for establishment of factory premises and township. Company has been able to maintain its township and factory premises.

(b) Land for establishing the company was acquired by State Government and the company had paid the due sum to State Government, which in turn was paid to the owners of the land. The revival package in respect of the Company, approved by the Government, envisages transfer of commensurate land to Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for settlement of their dues and to the State Government of Jharkhand for settlement of outstanding dues of Jharkhand State Electricity Board (JSEB) etc.